

The Honorable William Southern



The Honorable William Southern, Chief District Court Judge (D17B) was appointed by Chief Justice Paul Newby on October 1, 2021, for a term expiring on September 30, 2024.

Judge Southern has served as a District Court Judge since 2008 and as Chief District Court Judge since 2017. He is a certified Juvenile Court Judge and serves on the Family Court Advisory Committee and Dispute Resolution Commission. He is an EA Morris Fellow and former member of the Governor's Crime Commission. He previously served as an Assistant District Attorney in Stokes and Surry Counties. Judge Southern graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Texas Southern University School of Law. He resides in King,

North Carolina with his wife Beth and children Kate, Flynn, and Caroline.